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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Veterans and Their Impact on the State**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to study the fiscal impact veterans have
4 on the State; providing for the membership, chairman, duties, and staffing of
5 the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and the
6 General Assembly on its findings; providing for the termination of this Act; and
7 generally relating to the establishment of a Task Force to Study Veterans and
8 Their Impact on the State.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 MARYLAND, That:

11 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Veterans and Their Impact on the State.

12 (b) The Task Force consists of members appointed by the Governor with the
13 advice of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

14 (c) The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Task Force.

15 (d) The Department of Veterans Affairs shall provide staff for the Task Force.

16 (e) A member of the Task Force:

17 (1) may not receive compensation; but

18 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
19 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

20 (f) The Task Force shall study:

21 (1) the fiscal impact of veterans leaving the State for more advantageous
22 situations;

23 (2) the cost of health care paid by the State for veterans;

24 (3) the cost of losing volunteers in the State who are veterans; and

1 (4) the cost of maintaining the following as they relate to veterans:

2 (i) programs for the homeless;

3 (ii) alcohol- and drug-related programs; and

4 (iii) out-of-state care costs.

5 (g) The Task Force shall report its findings to the Governor and, subject to §
6 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on or before October
7 1, 2004.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
9 effect July 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 4 months and,
10 at the end of October 31, 2004, with no further action required by the General
11 Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.